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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIDEKI MATSUMOTO, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/826,171

Filed: April 5, 2001

For: A DEVELOPING DEVICE, A PROCESS
CARTRIDGE, AND AN ELECTROPHOTO-
GRAPHIC IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
FOR DETECTING AN AMOUNT OF
DEVELOPER

Examiner: S. Lee

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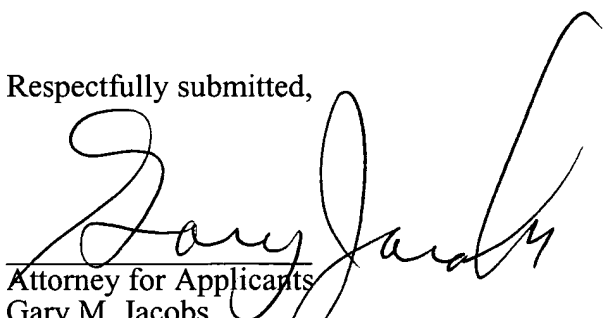
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated February 4, 2003 for one month from May 4, 2003 to June 4, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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